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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust case against Microsoft has been resolved, and I want to give my support to this agreement. It has gone on far too long, and should never have happened in the first place. I cannot believe Microsoft had a suit brought against them. Bill Gates, through Microsoft, has done so much for this country. Microsoft has provided thousands of jobs directly, and correspondingly, auxiliary jobs. Our government is trying to find ways to rebound from the recession, yet punishes the one company that is the major engine of our economy. Further, competitors of Microsoft, not consumers, instigated this suit. I could go on and on, but I want to reiterate my support of this agreement so we can get back to business.

Microsoft has also agreed to a great many demands of the Department of Justice. Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the original suit. Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products - a first in an antitrust settlement.

Give your approval to this agreement. It is time to go forward and quit second-guessing judicial decisions.

Sincerely,

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